

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 28 were pending in the application at the time of examination. Claims 1 to 10, 14, 19 to 24, 27, and 28 stand rejected as anticipated. Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26 stand rejected as obvious.

Applicants will submit a certified copy of each priority application under separate cover.

Applicants have included the limitation of Claim 3 in Claim 1 and cancelled Claim 3.

In view of the amendment of Claim 1, Claim 4 is cancelled.

Applicants have included the limitation of Claim 17 in Claim 14 and cancelled Claim 17.

In view of the amendment of Claim 14, Claim 18 is cancelled.

Applicants have included the limitation of Claim 21 in Claim 19 and cancelled Claim 21.

In view of the amendment of Claim 19, Claim 22 is cancelled.

Claims 27 and 28 are amended in the same manner as Claim 1.

Claims 1 to 10, 14, 17 to 24, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,499,180, hereinafter referred to as Ammirato.

Applicants respectfully traverse the anticipation of each of independent Claims 1, 14, 19, 27 and 28. As explained more completely below, Ammirato is directed at a method that generates scenarios relative to a baseline, e.g., "the different versions or scenarios represent incremental changes from the base." Ammirato, Col. 12, lines 53 to 55.

The Examiner has cited no teaching of starting a second test mode while in a first test mode in Ammirato. Instead, Ammirato develops a scenario with respect to the baseline, returns to the baseline and develops a second scenario, as

explained in Col. 12, line 52 to Col. 13, line 10. The deltas with respect to the baseline are stored according to Ammirato.

This not only fails to teach the invention as recited in each of claims 1, 14, 19, 27, and 28, but teaches away from the invention. In particular, saving relative to a baseline teaches nothing concerning "storing a second test mode data set . . ." Moreover, restoring the baseline, fails to teach or suggest "restoring the second test mode data set," which returns to the state in the first test mode when the second test mode was activated, which is different from the baseline in view of "changing data in the document data set in response to input of new data." Thus, Ammirato fails to teach multiple elements recited in the Claims. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 1, 14, 19, 27, and 28.

Claims 2 and 5 to 11 depend from Claim 1 and so distinguish over Ammirato for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 2 and 5 to 11.

Claims 20, 23, and 24 depend from Claim 19 and so distinguish over Ammirato for at least the same reasons as Claim 19. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of each of Claims 20, 23, and 24.

Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ammirato in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,497, hereinafter referred to as Jamshidi.

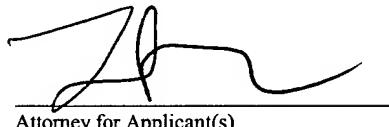
Assuming the combination of references is correct, the additional information cited in Jamshidi fails to overcome the basic deficiencies of Ammirato. Therefore, each of Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26 distinguish over the combination at least for the same reasons as discussed above for the independent claim upon which each of these claims depends. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the

obviousness rejection of each of Claims 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 25 and 26.

Claims 1, 2, 5 to 16, 19, 20, and 23 to 28 remain in the application. Claims 1, 14, 19, 27, 28 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, 17, 18, 21, 22 were canceled. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant(s) respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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